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<u>United States Announces Agreement to Improve</u> Access to the Marcus Amphitheater for People with Disabilities

Michelle L. Jacobs, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, today announced that a settlement agreement has been reached to improve access to the Marcus Amphitheater for persons with disabilities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). The parties to the agreement are the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and Milwaukee World Festivals Inc., which operates the amphitheater.

The Marcus Amphitheater is an outdoor venue located on Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds. The amphitheater is primarily used for live music performances during the summer months.

The settlement agreement reflects that Milwaukee World Festivals has taken several steps to improve access to the Marcus Amphitheater for people with disabilities. These steps included:

- 1. The installation of 26 additional wheelchair accessible seating areas and 26 fixed companion seats, including seats in the prime viewing areas of the amphitheater;
- 2. The installation of accessible counters in the concession areas of the amphitheater; and
- 3. Improvements to the restrooms of the amphitheater to enhance accessibility to those facilities.

Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs stated: "We commend Milwaukee World Festivals for working cooperatively with us to ensure that persons with disabilities will have improved access to the Marcus Amphitheater."

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